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The Chinese are permitting the repatriating Germans to carry 150 kilograms of luggage per adult and 75 kilograms per child. Most of the weight allowance is being used to carry canned foods for barter in Germany. Cigarettes are not permitted and typewriters will be confiscated; however, the Germans expect last minute exemptions. They seem well-informed on conditions in Germany. Commonly expressed ideas are as follows: "Anybody with a typewriter can get a job. Three cartons of cigarettes will buy a bicycle. All men between the ages of 18 and 34 in the Russian zone are seized for slave labor." The great fear is that of being sent to the Russian zone.

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The departure of the S.S. Gogol was watched by 3,000 Chinese and Russians. Repatriating Russians were allowed to take all their belongings, even furniture in some cases. [] note: [] no furniture was to be taken. Five Russians, said to have "once escaped from Russia", were refused repatriation.

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